

# Norfolk Prevention Network

## Meeting Minutes January 26, 2016

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**Attendance:** Claudia Sparks, CSB; Charleen Thompson, CHIP; Corey Brooks, Youth Solutions; Sean Little, KCBH; Madonna Flores, NHDS; Jineane Shorter, NPL; Rachel Perry, Mediation Center; Tanisha Jones, Second Chances/Garden of Hope; Theresa Scales, OAG; Marlene Bright, Commonwealth Attorney CCC; Jim Herbst, Norfolk Neighborhoods; Dennis Moore, NPS; Sam Fabian and Macie Whitlow, CHKD; Kim McCollum and Alex Torres NCSU; Jill Baker, NDHS Community Programs; Pam Wong and Ben Watterton, NDHS Early Prevention; Shaunna Epps, VJCCCA; Jan Callaghan, NDHS Communications; Lily Smith, S. Wright and Shawn Ware-Avant, Loving Steps; S. Manigault, NIC; Shawn Hess, Be Smart; Laverne Williams & Alisha Anthony, NDH; Carmen Everett, LLC; Susan Perry, NCMO; Archie Boone, Shannah Rieara & Marneice Branch, The Focus Center.

Welcome and introductions were made, and November minutes reviewed.

### **Strategic Planning: SPF grant**

Claudia Sparks provided an overview of the Partnership For Success (PFS) grant awarded to the NPN from DBHDS to prevent Rx drug and heroin overdoses in Norfolk. The grant will target youth 12-24 years old. Norfolk is 1 of 12 award sites in Virginia to receive the PFS grant. This is a federal grant from SAMSHA that will use the Strategic Planning Framework (SPF) model. This is a 5 year grant focusing on environmental changes, with @ 150K renewed annually. The CSB will be the fiscal agent. The initial phase of the grant will include community assessment, coalition building and coordinating a community summit. The CSB plans to hire a project coordinator and part time staff who can connect with youth. Kim Brown will be the Virginia project lead on the grant, and will attend a February or March NPN meeting to provide an overview and update. Claudia extended her appreciation to NPN members for their support and continued collaboration. This grant would not be possible without strong partnerships in Norfolk!

### **New Business: Resilient Cities**

Jim Herbst from the Office of Neighborhoods provided an overview of 100 Resilient Cities, Norfolk was selected from a host of cities around the world. Norfolk leaders are in the process of getting partners around the table to conduct asset mapping and identify resources. Norfolk will receive over 120M in HUD funding for disaster resiliency. Focus areas will include economic opportunity and strong neighborhoods, all in conjunction with the neighbors building neighborhoods initiative.

**NPN Next Meeting** – Members selected the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of alternating months. Additional committee meetings will be scheduled as needed.

## **Community Awareness**

Web Page - Plans for an NPN web page are underway, coordinated by Jan Callaghan. This will be a great opportunity to share NPN news, information and agency links.

Fatherhood Development – The Norfolk Sheriff's Office in collaboration with NDHS's very own Ben Watterton were recently featured on the news and newspaper for the recent fatherhood program graduation held at Norfolk City Jail. The event included an inaugural celebration for inmates and their families.

Prevention Publications – The Norfolk Parent Guide will soon be available.

Prevention infomercial – Tabled

## **Announcements**

Healthy Start/Loving Steps will host a fatherhood breakfast and summit in Park Place. Additional information will be forthcoming.

VDH coordinates abstinence education and outreach efforts to teens and parents, encouraging healthy communication and relationships. They have an excellent curriculum and offer groups out in the community.

Mom's Demand Action for gun sense through the Be Smart Program, a conversation for families.

Young Ladies with a Purpose is being offered at Berkley and Campostella centers. It includes life coaching, etiquette, hygiene, cultural opportunities, activities and field trips for ages 10-25. This private non-profit is looking for partners and is reaching out to parents.

Garden of Hope/KIP care w/ Second Chances has a focus on offenders and their families, specifically children w/ incarcerated parents. They also offer GED and ABE, as well as the Leaders of Tomorrow summer program for 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders.

The Focus Center is a local and grassroots non-profit organization in Park Place. They are currently coordinating a neighborhood transformation effort to reduce poverty. They have adopted James Monroe Elementary School. Currently, they have over 20 college interns, serving the community in a variety of roles such as tutoring. Parent universe is also an important initiative as well, and music is also a unique program component. They are currently using the ABCD model for asset mapping.

CHKD continues to offer parent education programs and parenting resources, and shared information about 2 upcoming events: Insight into Autism Conference and Raising Boys with Emotional Intelligence.

CHIP received a grant from VHF and will be coordinating Medicaid enrollment outreach.

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Youth Solutions is a community based provider. Services include intensive in home counseling and mental health skill building, parenting education and substance abuse treatment. They are interested in serving the re-entry and fatherhood population and work closely with NRHA.

There will be a training tonight on addiction, part 1 of a 3 part series dialogue with the community.

Norfolk Public Schools is ramping up wrap around services and day treatment.

VJCCCA offers community based programs and services to support court involved youth to reduce recidivism. There is an effort to divert youth from the juvenile justice system, and NCSU is developing a new diversion unit to connect youth and families to community resources and develop strategies to reduce court involved youth. They are hiring a crisis intervention worker.

The Office of the Attorney General continues with gang awareness outreach in Norfolk schools and collaborating with project discoveries.

The Community Collaboration Center with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office is accepting nominations for the crime prevention awards. The event will be held at the Doubletree.

The Norfolk Reentry Council supports returning citizens from Corrections. Their next meeting is scheduled for 1/29/16 @ 9am. They are planning a town hall meeting and re-entry summit. There is also an effort to build a faith based mentoring program. The Juvenile Re-entry committee meets the second Tuesdays of the month. The next meeting scheduled for 2/9/16 @ 1p at the WDC. They are currently coordinating focus groups with parents of at-risk youth.

Bank On is a new financial literacy program in partnership with local banks. Financial management classes, individualized coaching and a match savings program is offered. Classes will be held at Queen St. Baptist on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays from 6:30-8:30p. Classes will run January, April and September.

Norfolk Public Libraries offer a variety of programs for teens and young adults ages 12-25. There are lots of exciting opportunities at the new Slover Library including think tanks, hw clubs, literacy programs, money management, Steam clubs, cooking clubs, programming, makers space and readers theatre. They received a NASA grant to host pixelfest this spring and are currently building their summer schedule. Kudos to Marlene's daughter for her youth engagement efforts!

The Norfolk Community Services Board continues to offer training in suicide prevention and mental health first aid. ASSIST is a suicide intervention course also offered.

**Outstanding Action Items**

- NPN web page, links, prevention video and a prevention themed Human Services Forum.
- Parent and youth involvement on the NPN.

**NPN Outreach & Calendar Items**

- Child Abuse Prevention Month in April
- Prevention Conference, TBA
- Fall Neighborhood Expo in August
- Fall Trunk or Treat in October

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